



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

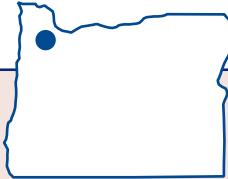
Yamhill County, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Yamhill County was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The target community is the City of McMinnville (population 28,890) in Yamhill County (population 86,400). Nearly 50 percent of city residents' incomes fall into the federally determined low-to-moderate range and 17 percent of families with children under the age of five live below the poverty level. The target site, the two-acre abandoned Martin and Wright Asphalt Plant, is adjacent to a 12-acre field owned by the city's school district. Over the past few years, the site has drawn squatters and vandals, and has been the site of illegal dumping. Site soils are contaminated with diesel fuel, groundwater is contaminated with trichloroethene, and hazardous materials are



Cleanup Grant

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\$89,400 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Yamhill County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to characterize, remove, and dispose of five above-ground asphalt tanks and other above-ground wastes and substances, and to install four or five groundwater monitoring wells at the former Martin and Wright Asphalt Plant in McMinnville, Oregon. Funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

stored in tanks and drums on the property. Once contaminant concentrations are delineated and the site is cleaned up, the county will transfer the property to the school district. The district will develop the property for a parking lot to accommodate the elementary school to be built on the adjacent 12-acre property. Cleanup of the asphalt plant site will remove an eyesore from the community and free up acreage on the elementary school property for a playground and greenspace that will serve the school population and community residents.